

REMARKS

Entry of this Amendment is proper because it narrows the issues on appeal and does not require further search by the Examiner.

Claims 1-20 are pending in this Application. Applicant has amended claim 1 and cancelled claim 9 and. No new matter is added.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that claims 3-8 and 17-20 are allowed and claims 9-16 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

While Applicant completely disagrees with the Examiner prior art rejection, to speed prosecution, Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate the content of allowable claim 9.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 1-8 and 10-20, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

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